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## White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

### Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Burnette called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the ABCD Day Care, 422 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Whiteriver, AZ 85941. Chair Burnette asked everyone to introduce themselves.  
**Members Present:** Shine Burnette, Deborah Clendon, Mary Kline, Kirk Massey, Jr., Tim Strand, Erwin Thompson; Faye Smith arrived after roll call  
**Members Excused:** Dennie Cromwell, Laurel Endfield, Harrisen DeClay  
**Members Unexcused:** Velma Kaytoggy  
**Others Present:** AdiShakti Khalsa, Rochelle Lacapa, Maureen Theobald
2. **Discussion and Possible Adoption of the March 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** Chair Burnette reviewed the meeting minutes from March 19, 2009. Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes as presented; Member Strand seconded the motion; Motion passed 6:0.
3. **Call to the Public:** None
4. **Update on Expedited Strategies:**
  - a. **Regional Emergency Support Box Award:** Johns Hopkins was the only applicant that submitted for these funds. Coordinator Lacapa will need three Regional Partnership Council members to review the application and make a recommendation by April 24, 2009.
  - b. **State-Wide Food Box Award:** The review committee met last week and made a recommendation for the award. Finance is following up to finalize the awards in the region and hope to have the money in the community by the end of the month.
5. **Review of Phase II RFGA Roll-Outs:** Member Kline expressed disappointment over not being able to be trained given the short timelines. Phase II, Oral Health, will be closed on May 22, 2009; training will be scheduled accordingly.
6. **Discussion and Possible Adoption of Strategy 4 Funding Mechanisms:**
  - a. **4a: U.S. Census Participation- Government to Government Agreement:** Chair Burnette expressed concern over the Planning Department's ability to complete the work. Other members expressed concern over funds being swallowed up in the Tribe's General Fund.

Member Kline was curious as to the exact connection between the Planning Department and the U.S. Census program. Member Thompson suggested we contact the Tribe's Chair/Vice Chair directly to inform them of the benefit of census participation. Member Strand recommended the Planning person be present at the next meeting. Member Kline will get the Census representative's contact information. Coordinator Lacapa will contact Melissa to ask her to provide the following at the next meeting :

- i. The direct connection between Planning and U.S. Census Program
  - ii. Ability to establish outside/commercial account
  - iii. Potential uses of funds to increase census participation
- b. **4b: Community Awareness/Early Childhood Conference- RFGA or Procurement:** The Regional Partnership Council identified FCCLA or Child Find, with FCCLA being their first choice, as the Government-to-Government recipient of the funds. Member Kline suggested we collaborate with other organizations; Coordinator Lacapa confirmed that a Government-to-Government agreement could stipulate that.

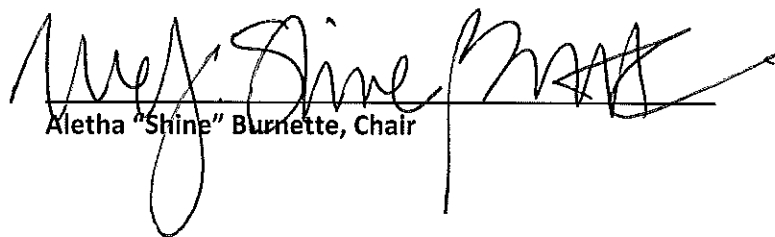
Vice Chair Smith moved to table items 4a and 4b until further information can be provided; Member Kline seconded the motion; Motion passed 7:0.

Chair Burnette called for a break at 10:15 a.m.; the meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

7. **Update on Health Board and Tribal Council Meetings:** Chair Burnette and Vice Chair Smith presented to the Health Board on March 30, 2009 to ask for permission for data collection of grantees. Coordinator Lacapa received the Health Board's approval letter and explained that since the Tribal Council still has not met, we have not been able to request official approval from the Tribe.
8. **Discussion and Possible Adoption of Next Quarter's Meeting Dates, Time and Locations:**
  - a. **July 2009:** Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, noon at Grumpy Jakes
  - b. **August 2009:** Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m., District Office Training Room (Head Start alternate location)
  - c. **September 2009:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m., District Office Training Room (Head Start alternate location)

Member Kline moved to adopt the new meeting dates and times: Wednesday July 15, noon at Grumpy Jakes; Thursday, August 20, 2:00 p.m., District Office Training Room, with Head Start as an alternate location; Thursday, September 17, 2:00 p.m. District Office Training Room, with Head Start as an alternate location; Member Smith seconded the motion; Motion passed 7:0.
9. **Coordinator's Report:** Coordinator Lacapa provided a list of meetings and presentations as well as the two articles submitted to the *Apache Scout*.
10. **Items for the Good of the Order:**
  - a. Officer Elections for FY 2010 will be determined at the June meeting.
  - b. Save the Children Information was shared with the members.
11. **Adjourn & Potluck:** Chair Burnette adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Approved:

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Aletha "Shine" Burnette, Chair

A smaller, more cursive handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rochelle Lacapa', written over a horizontal line.

Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator